



## H.R. 6276 – Public Housing Disaster Relief Act

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.R. 6276 is expected to be considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Daniel Cazayoux (D-LA) on June 17, 2008. The bill was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, but was not considered.

H.R. 6276 is expected to be considered on the floor on June 18, 2008.

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### BACKGROUND

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In 1998, Congress established Section 9(k) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. This section requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to set aside two percent of funds made available under the Public Housing Operating Fund for the repair of public housing authorities that are damaged by disasters.

In addition, the Robert T. Stafford Act includes Section 406 which assists public facilities and private non-profit facilities following a disaster. Section 406 of the Stafford Act permits the use of FEMA funds for repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of public facilities and private nonprofit facilities.

Since 2000, Congress has repeatedly cut the Section 9(k) fund. The funding has gone from a high of \$75 million from 2000 to 2002 to a low of \$16.8 million last year. Despite the lack of funding for Section 9(k), public housing authorities have remained ineligible for FEMA funds under Section 406.

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### SUMMARY

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H.R. 6276 repeals Section 9(k) of the U.S. Housing Act.

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### COST

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There is no cost estimate available at this time.

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